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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/SOVIET TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED SLOWLY

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1. AS MENTIONED REFTEL B, THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS COVERAGE OF EGYPTIAN/SOVIET TRADE DISCUSSIONS SINCE ARRIVAL OF DEFOREIGN TRADE MINISTER GRESHIN MARCH 15. DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE TALKED WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS TELL US THAT TALKS ARE PROCEEDING SLOWLY AND THAT REAL NEGOTIATING BEGAN ONLY RECENTLY. EGYPTIANS ARE REPORTEDLY TAKING HARD LINE POSITIONS ABOUT DEBT REPAYMENT BUT SOVIETS CLAIM THEY WILL NOT DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS UNTIL 1977 PROTOCOL IS FINISHED. EGYPTIANS ARE ALSO TAKING FIRM POSITIONS ON PROTOCOL CONTENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH OF TRADE BALANCE IN THEIR FAVOR AS POSSIBLE. SOVIETS EVIDENTLY EXPECT ROUGH GOING, BUT BELIEVE THAT 1977. PROTOCOL WILL BE MUCH SAME AS 1976 IN FINAL OUTCOME.  
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